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Lecture-Recital By Reinald Werrenrath On Saturday Evening

A program of American songs and their history by Reinald Werrenrath, noted baritone, will be presented in the auditorium at 8 o'clock Saturday evening as the first of the seminary lecture series. Possibly the most unusual feature of the lecture-recital, "The Story of American Song" which he is to give is that in it, Mr. Werrenrath illustrates his remarks with examples of each period, sometimes singing as many as fifteen songs during the evening—or almost as many as he would give on a straight recital program.

Lectures on musical topics have been numerous; but for illustrations of various periods and composers, especially in songs, they have been accustomed to employ additional talent. And while American singers have ranked among the world's finest, few, if any, have consistently indulged in speaking from the platform.

So in Mr. Werrenrath's lecture-recital we find a refreshing novelty, a searching, authoritative, often humorous appraisal of American songs and song-writers, illustrated by one of the greatest living American singers. And both jobs done by the same man!

Townpeople are invited to attend this program. Tickets may be obtained from Kenarden or at the door.

Neigh - Pallam

Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Pallam of Birnam road announce the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth to James Neigh, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Neigh of Ithaca, N. Y. at their home last Saturday afternoon. Rev. W. Stanley Carne officiated and the double ring service was used. The bride was attended by the maid of honor, Miss Faith Freeman of Arlington, and Robert Hollister of Ithaca was best man. Beverly Ann Buffum, niece of the groom was the flower girl. Nathaniel Freeman of Arlington and Miss Pauline Moor of Boston with violin and piano played the wedding march of Wagner and Mendelssohn. The ushers were Messrs Murray Pallam, brother of the bride and Rolfe Carmean.

The bride wore a gown of white satin and lace with a fingertip veil and carried a bouquet of white roses. The maid of honor wore a gown of blue chiffon with pink accessories and carried a bouquet of pink roses and delphinium. The bride's mother wore a gown of wine colored silk. Following the ceremony a reception was held at which many friends and relatives were present.

The bride's traveling costume was navy blue and gold. After a wedding trip by motor in New York state, they will reside here. Mrs. Neigh attended the Northfield seminary and is a graduate of Bay Path Institute.

Out of town guests who attended were: Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Murray and son of Binghamton, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh R. Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts of Watertown, Mrs. Janet Longmeare of Brookline, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Freeman and daughter, Faith, of Arlington, Mrs. S. A. Wright and daughters, Delcina and Alice, of Phoenix, Ariz., Miss Meridith Ann Pattison of West Summerland, B. C., Miss M. Burton of Saxton River, VT., Mr. and Mrs. Gorman Graves and son James, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Neigh, Robert Hollister and mother of Ithaca.

The Misses Gladys and Grace Waterbury of East Orange, N. J. were weekend guests of Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright at their home on Main street.

The Winchester Road Is Open For Travel Fine Finished Job

Officially the new highway, known as Route 10 to connect with the New Hampshire boulevard at the state line is a finished project. The road toward Hinsdale and the Wanamaker Pond bridge are also completed and traffic is moving over both sections. The completed work merits the approval of all citizens. It is a splendid work of construction and reflects considerable credit upon the contractors, the Benardi Co. and the ability of the engineer who represented the state and was in charge of details, Leroy Parker. After the contract was awarded last fall, winter weather set in and hindered operations and the spring also witnessed bad weather causing much delay, much to the discomfort of citizens and expense to the contractors. The transformation of the highway from the old to the new is a monument to hard work, skill and perseverance. With many fills made, hills cut through, the roadway is partly level, a portion on gradual grades and with but few curves. The road offers a scenic panorama, provided motorists slow down sufficiently to enjoy it. From the state line going toward the south, the bordering properties seem more attractive for home sites, the waterfalls and the pond on whose edge it is built present a pleasing view. The junction at the road to Hinsdale, Route 63, is graced by two small islands, which help control the traffic. The bridge at the pond outlet is seven feet higher than the old one and creates a ravine through which the water will pass on its course toward the river. On up the hill to Hinsdale the road is well defined and the new construction ends at the Breinig place. Down along Route 10, the road curves in an upward grade to the Kingsbury place where it joins Main street through the town. The Dickinson monument on Pachaug hill, which stood on the bank, and which during the past few years has been constantly slipping on the clay, has been moved out and reset in the greensward, where it can readily be seen and its descriptions read. The cost of moving the monument was borne by the Village Improvement society. Northfield should be congratulated that this fine piece of roadway is now an accomplished fact and appreciation is due to all those who had a part in its creation. The contractors have left for other work in the eastern part of the state, although Mr. Benardi and small crew will remain until its official acceptance and the clearing up of minor matters. The detour signs have disappeared from Winchester road and the traffic has lessened, although the roadway shows the signs and wear of its heavy use and the town will be compelled to give it immediate attention.

Fred B. Williams

Fred B. Williams of Worcester a brother of Frank W. and Chas. E. Williams of this town, died at his home after a long illness on Wednesday of last week at the age of 68 years. He was born in Warwick, and spent much of his time as a young man in Northfield and Keene. He was the son of Joseph A. and Julie E. Williams of Warwick. Surviving are his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Lester A. White, and Miss Dorothy Williams. One son Harland Williams of Worcester. The funeral was last Saturday from his home and burial was in the Warwick cemetery.

The Franklin county Women's Republican club will hold joint meeting with the Montague Women's Republican club on Friday in the Montague town hall.

About Finances Of Northfield Schools Booklet Is Issued

Next week friends of the Northfield schools, throughout the United States and several foreign countries, will have mailed to them the annual report of the trustees. This bulletin has been published the last three years to acquaint those who contribute financially to the work of the schools with some of the activities.

It is important this year to note that, although the schools spent \$10,000 less than in 1938, there was a deficit of \$25,000. Largely accountable for this deficit is the reduced returns of income from invested funds. Compared to other educational institutions, however, the Northfield schools made a remarkably fine showing in the operation of their plant.

Of greater interest to local friends of the schools is the fact that 5865 people shared in meeting the schools' operating expenses. Included in this number are former students of both schools. Gifts for current expenses last year were more than \$62,000 while special gifts and bequests were more than \$100,000.

Contained in the booklet are statements of interest to the schools' friends by Miss Wilson, principal of the seminary, and Dr. Porter, headmaster of Mount Hermon. Activities in both schools are commented upon in an interesting fashion.

The cover of the booklet is a photograph of Cottage Row at Mount Hermon school. The other pictures show the schools and their activities to the best advantage. It is a booklet worthy of closing the 60th year of the schools for, as everyone in Northfield knows, the first girls came to the seminary on Nov. 3, 1879.

Copies of the bulletin may be secured by those who do not receive them through the mail in Kenarden hall after Oct. 1. If anyone wishes to have the booklet sent to friends out of town, the Northfield schools will be glad to comply with your request.

Drafting 1940 Plans Summer Vacationists

Previous to August, this summer, the tourist business in New England was not up to expectancy and railroads, hotels and inns, report only a limited prosperity.

During August until after the Labor Day holiday, tourists increased in number, but not sufficiently to make up for the total summer volume as noted in previous years.

It is said that the New York Worlds Fair proved the attraction this year and that summer vacationists spent both time and money there and curtailed on further travel.

Not to be outdone by this situation, the New England Hotel Mens Association are now beginning to lay a foundation of a campaign to bring again both the tourist and his dollars to New England next year.

In this effort several states and many communities will co-operate and it provides a strong incentive for Northfield to follow, especially since we have a splendid hotel, and very good inns. Strong publicity should be put out in aid of our various summer conferences and the town emphasized as attractive for summer residents.

Northfield must have its share of the summer business.

Picture Lending Plan Offered All Students

Talcott library is introducing a picture-lending plan which will enable the Northfield seminary students to rent fine prints of old masters and of modern artists. An exhibition of forty or fifty of these framed prints is being held at the library this week and the townpeople are invited to see the display.

It is expected that the girls will enjoy visiting these pictures for a term or for the entire school year. The idea has been tried out at various schools and colleges, Mount Hermon among them, and has been very successful.

The prints were bought for the library with some of the money given to Talcott on its anniversary last year, and they have been framed in Brattleboro. The girls will pay 16 cents each term for the rental of a picture and they may change or renew their rental at the end of the term.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Campbell have moved into the house on Maple street, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, who moved to Westfield, N. J. Mr. Campbell is employed at Mount Hermon school.

A Thousand Delegates Expected To Attend State Womens Meet

Over a thousand women, members of Womens clubs of the State Federation are expected to attend the annual autumn meeting, to be held here on Thursday, Oct. 19. The sessions will be held in the auditorium on the seminary campus, both morning and afternoon with arrangement for luncheon at the Northfield hotel, Valleyvista Inn and other places.

The meeting will be presided over by Mrs. Harriet C. S. Hildreth, president of the State Federation. Welcomes will be extended by Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed, president of the Fortnightly, Miss Mira B. Wilson, principal of the seminary, and Mr. Fred A. Holton, chairman of our board of selectmen. Sessions of the gathering are at 10:30 a. m. and at 2 p. m. The preliminary announcement regarding the speakers, names the following participants and their subjects:

Mrs. John H. Kimball, General Federation Director for this state, "Clubwomen, what next?"; Mrs. David Hays, chairman of the literature committee of General Federation, "What America is reading"; Mrs. Carl L. Schrader, chairman fine arts committee, General Federation, "Our American culture"; Mrs. F. H. Clausen of committee on citizenship General Federation, "The General Federation speaks".

At the afternoon session, Miss Elizabeth Shoemaker, secretary of the recently formed Pioneer Valley association will speak of "stories of the Pioneer valley" and Vincent Sheean will deliver an address on "Personal Opinion". More detailed information will be found in the columns of the Press' later issue.

Local War Veteran Given Purple Heart For Gallant Service

There was received this week by a local war veteran, an award of the Purple heart for gallantry in service during the World War. The veteran thus honored is Benjamin E. Janes of this town, who served as a Corporal with Company A of the 60th infantry, fifth division of the American Expeditionary forces. His citation was for gallant service and wounds received in action at the battle of St. Mihiel on Sept. 13, 1918.

The award came from the Adjutant General of the United States and was received just 21 years after the battle in which Mr. Janes participated. The medal of heart shaped design carries on its face the medallion of George Washington and upon the back is engraved the name of Mr. Janes. The medal is suspended by a purple ribbon from a bar.

Accompanying the same is a lapel button and single bar denoting the award, to be worn for ordinary purposes. Mr. Janes is a well known resident here and has been engaged in the plumbing business. At present he is employed with the J. B. Kennedy plumbing and heating company of Greenfield. The many friends will unite in congratulating Mr. Janes on his award and the Press ventures to speak for all our citizens in extending their felicitations.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Buffum and family are on a motor trip to New York State and will visit at Elizabethtown.

Mrs. Carrie G. Britton is spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Dowd in Springfield.

The Hurricane-1st Anniversary New England's Greatest Disaster

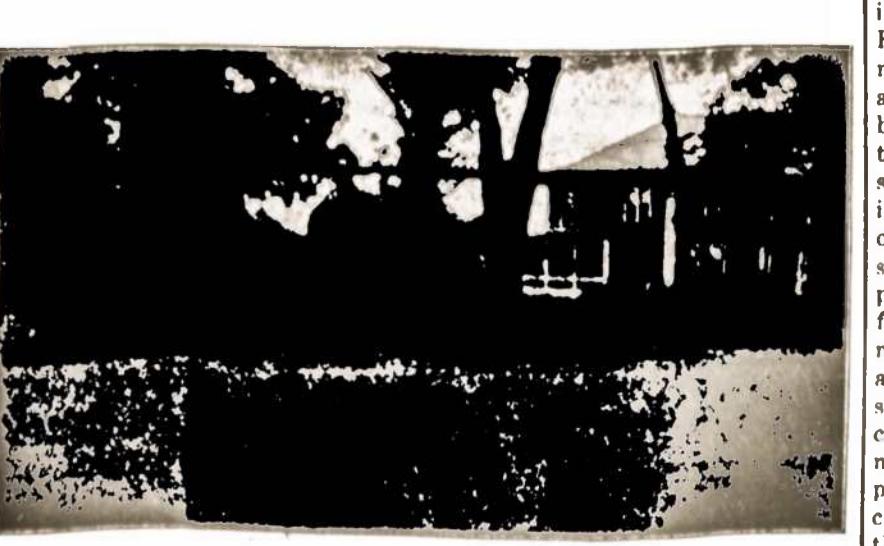
SEPTEMBER 21, 1938—just a year ago witnessed New England's greatest disaster in which Northfield experienced its share of damage and destruction of countless trees, together with death. The wind coming in from the sea swept across Long Island into all the eastern states, causing tide and flood and in its wake left the record of over 600 dead and property damage of over four hundred millions of dollars. The hurricane was furious. Northfield has recovered but the scars are left in evidence everywhere. Here are three pictures taken at the time after the highways had been cleared.



Debris and fallen trees left in front of the Youth Hostel on Main St.



The immense elm which in its overturn landed flatly upon the roof of the Sauter home.



The tangled mass of wires and uprooted trees on Main Street looking toward the Montague home.

Cooking School Successful; Women Crowd Hall Both Days The "Press" May Plan Another

Cooking schools have come and gone, and they have proved to be both instructive and enjoyable affairs. The Northfield Press Cooking School held in the town hall last Thursday and Friday afternoons gathered together an audience



Miss Elizabeth Emery

of women which numerically was the largest of all and completely filled the upper room. The stage was set with a forest scene and in front, were placed the demonstrating tables, presided over by Miss Elizabeth Emery of the Spry Research Kitchen of Cambridge and her assistant. A Frigidaire refrigerator was at one side of the stage and a Frigidaire electric range on the other side. Beautiful flowers in baskets, loaned by Joseph W. Field adorned the stage. The school sponsored by the Northfield Press, our own weekly newspaper which enters most of our homes, had the active co-operation of the Lever Bros. Co. of Cambridge, manufacturers of Spry, Lux, Rinso and other articles used in the demonstration. General Motors Co. with



Bracket Lamp Prizes

the Frigidaire refrigerator and electric range, the Western Massachusetts Electric Co., whose employees set and connected the range and provided the electricity and a number of co-operating merchants, including the IGA store, Ripley Bros. makers of the rugs displayed, Ferndale Farm (Bolton) milk, Emerson and Son furniture Brattleboro, and the Northfield Pharmacy. The Franklin Electric Co., Mr. Prondecki, of Turners Falls provided the Frigidaire equipment. Prizes were by the Lever Bros. Co. of their products, Spry, Rinso, Lux, Toilet soaps and Lifebouy soap, the Cambridge Beverage Co. cases of 7-up. The Western Mass. Electric Co., the wall bracket lamps, Ripley Bros. the rugs, and from the manufacturers, Pillsbury flour, LaTouraine coffee, Cains mayonnaise, Salada tea and Statlers tissue towels. The prepared food dishes cooked by Miss Emery were awarded to members of the audience. The sessions began promptly at two o'clock each afternoon and ended at four o'clock. On Thursday, Mr. Field, kindly assumed charge of the proceedings, owing to the absence of Mr. Hoehn, Editor of the Press, who returned for the Friday session and who at the opening made a brief but complete statement of the why and wherefore of the school and the events leading to its splendid success. Possibilities of a similar school, another season were suggested but will depend very much upon the demand from the women of the town. It might be well to say that although admission was free to all, the school was also a financial success. Drawings for the prizes were made from a ballot box, of coupons bearing names and numbers corresponding to the number of the recipe folder, which was distributed to all. The young lady who drew the numbers on Friday and the child on Thursday, were

Harmony Lodge of Masons will hold its next regular meeting on Wednesday evening in Masonic hall at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed and Mrs. Carroll Miller were guests at the opening meeting of the Turners Falls Womans club on Tuesday.

Form Athletic Squads At Mount Hermon School

Over 330 boys are competing for places on the three varsity sports squads at Mount Hermon this fall according to an announcement made this week by Axel B. Forslund, director of the physical education department. In football, 89 boys are practicing daily for the preliminary class games and 71 are out for the junior league squad. Sixty-two boys are out for soccer and 85 for junior league soccer. Twenty-two runners are preparing for another victorious season in cross-country and 41 students are playing fall tennis.

The prospects for good teams are brighter than they have been in the past five years, said the coaches. Six varsity letter men are back in football, and the new material is promising. The first football game on the four-game schedule comes on October 28 with Massachusetts State freshmen at Amherst.

In soccer there are six varsity men as a nucleus for this year's squad. The first game comes Oct. 21 with the Amherst freshmen at Amherst. There are four varsity men back in cross country. The first meet is likewise at Amherst on October 21 with the Amherst freshmen.

Thanksgiving Day Set

Thanksgiving day in Massachusetts will be Thursday, Nov. 30th, and a proclamation to that effect will be issued by Gov. Saltonstall. Although President Roosevelt has named Thursday, November 23rd as Thanksgiving Day, the suggested change is not meeting with popular approval and much criticism prevails toward those interests who desire a shift for selfish commercial reasons. However there will be two opportunities for the observance and one can have turkey twice, that is if you can afford two holidays. But be sure you express your thanks on either day.

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UNDER WHOSE AUSPICES THIS SALE IS PRESENTED

An Evening of Fun!
Everyone Invited!
Admission Free!

Fortnightly Ways and Means Committee



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WEST NORTHFIELD and SOUTH VERNON

Services at the South Vernon church Sunday 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. preaching by Rev. W. H. Giebel; Sunday school at 11:45 a. m. Young peoples meeting omitted. Thursday evening, prayer service, Advent Home.

Rev. and Mrs. George A. Gray are on a trip to Maine, where Mr. Gray will preach on Sunday.

At the Vernon Grange Tuesday evening the charter was draped in memory of Mrs. Julia A. Newton and Mrs. Ruby Smith Purington. The members also went on a mystery ride to the Dutton Pines in Dummerston, Vt.

Mrs. Nellie Stockwell has gone to Manchester, N. H. to spend two weeks with relatives.

Percy Tyler of Cortland, N. Y. was a recent guest of his mother, Mrs. George E. Tyler.

Philip Holton, of Hinsdale, N. H. has rented the Gerrish house of A. H. Farnum and will move there soon.

Ernest W. Dunklee's Sunday school class will have a hot dog roast at the Dunklee farm, Friday at 7 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, who have been living at Bushnell's camp, have returned to Mrs. Towner's house, vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Starkey.

Steven Zaluzny and daughter, Lily, have returned to New York City after spending several weeks with his brother, Harry Zaluzny.

Mrs. A. H. Farnum is recovering from an injury to her knee suffered in a fall on the stairs at her home recently.

Miss Eleanor Kremen, teacher of grades one to four in the Dickenson hall school is boarding at Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bolton's.

A number in this vicinity have been sick recently. Among them are Mrs. Eva Smart, Harold Smart, Mrs. A. H. Farnum, and two children of Ralph Holton, and Edwin S. Brailey.

The South school P. T. A. held a card party Tuesday evening. Mrs. Albert Johnson won first prize.

Mrs. Anna Woodard is now staying at the Advent Home.

William Derris has been elected president of the Pond P. T. A. to succeed Mrs. Clinton Emery who resigned.

The following young folks from here are attending the Brattleboro high school: Walter Bruce, Walter Zaluzny, Merle Bailey, Stewart Bailey, Alma Dunkle, Raymond Gould, Michael Butynski, Isabelle Tyler, Winona Scherlin, Doris Scherlin, Marguerite Scherlin, Elizabeth Derrig and Marvin Johnson.

Mrs. Algott Scherlin has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. Leo Sampson of Danvers, and her niece, Mrs. Flora Rice and son, of Winchester, N. H.

Helen and Staffie Wozniak have returned from New Hampshire, where they have been in a camp. The former has returned to her studies at Framingham Teachers' college and the latter to her work at Betsey Moody infirmary Northfield seminary.

Miss Josephine Wozniak has returned to New York City after spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Szwedzicki.

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TOWN TOPICS

Fortnightly members are invited by the Shelburne Falls Womans club to attend their annual dinner at Sweetheart Tea House, Monday, Oct. 2 at 6:30 p. m. Reservations should be made of Mrs. Goodspeed, president.

Miss Barbara Mankowski who is a student nurse at Mercy hospital in Springfield has spent a two weeks vacation at her home here.

Miss Mary A. Wright will enter the freshman class at Mount Holyoke college and her sister Miss Alice K. Wright will enter the junior class at Mount Holyoke. Both are granddaughters of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Fairbanks of this town.

Quite a number of our local folks visited the display of U. S. postage stamps in a van of the U. S. postoffice department which visited Greenfield last Tuesday morning, Turners Falls Tuesday afternoon and Brattleboro Wednesday morning. All report it was a most interesting exhibit.

The Franklin County Sportsmen's League will hold their annual field day at the skeet field off the Millers Falls road next Sunday. There will be an exhibition shoot for shotgun and rifle. Several from here will attend.

Lawrence Durgin returned to Dartmouth college last Monday for his senior year of study, after a summer of activity in Student movements and meetings.

Shirley Lanphear, who is at the Newton hospital for crippled children, doing nursing, spent last weekend with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bolton have returned from a vacation trip, during which time they visited relatives in Utica and Cambridge, N. Y. They also accompanied their son Ernest to Syracuse where he entered college.

Miss Charlotte Ayer, who has spent the summer with her sister, Miss Sarah Ayer at her cottage in the Highlands returned this week to her home in Danielson, Ct.

Mrs. Helen King Gethman of Olivet, Mich., widow of the late Walter W. Gethman, for many years secretary of the Worlds Alliance of Young Mens Christian Associations at Geneva, Switzerland, who will head the department of modern languages at the seminary, has taken an apartment in the home of Rev. Mary Andrews Conner on Winchester Rd. Before her marriage, Mrs. Gethman was a professor at Smith. Her daughter was at the seminary last year as a student and this year will attend Oberlin college.

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Madden of Brooklyn, N. Y. who have occupied the home of Prof. and Mrs. Spurgeon Gage during the summer returned to their home this week.

Miss Mary Jane Purrington of East Northfield will be one of the bridesmaids at the wedding of Miss Betsy Alden Taylor of Hartford and John Harold Perry of Wolfville, Nova Scotia, which will take place in the Congregational church at Harwinton, Ct., Saturday, Oct. 7.

The New England conference of state federations of Woman's clubs will be held in Manchester, Vt., on Sept. 27, 28 and 29. Several women from the county are planning to attend sessions of the conference.

The ladies literary society of Mt. Hermon invited the Fortnightly to their meeting Thursday evening in the "Y" building. There was a fashion show of fall styles, followed by a social hour.

Mrs. Charles Paine of River-side, R. I. who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Parker of the Farms road has returned to her home.

Mrs. Marion C. Billings of the Northfield Farms has been appointed as head nurse at the Betsy Moody infirmary at the seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Frary came down from their summer home at Richmond, Vt. last week for a few days for a visit here.

Miss Alice Teel of Somerville was a recent guest of Mrs. Martin E. Vorce at her home on Main St.

Mrs. N. Fay Smith has vacated her home on Birnam road and will be at Valley Vista Inn hereafter. After repairs and improvements the house will be occupied by a member of the seminary faculty.

Miss Dorothy Leach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leach has entered the Greenfield high school for a vocational course.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chesley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Moody last week. Mr. Chesley was in charge of YMCA work at a post in France during the World War, to which A. P. Pitt and Sam E. Walker of this town were attached. Mr. Chesley was a secretary of the YMCA for many years.

A. P. Pitt has just received a letter from a missionary in French Indo-China who has served for over 30 years among the Buddhists, in which he expresses appreciation of the biography of Dwight L. Moody, written by Mr. Pitt under the title of "Moody still lives." However the title of the book translated into French is "More Alive than ever."

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Coburn of Myrtle street who are enjoying the Worlds Fair, write to their friends that they "cannot describe it, as all descriptive adjectives have been used up and none are left" for their use.

Don't forget the coming public auction to be held by the Fortnightly at the town hall, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p. m. For details see advertisement in this issue.

Miss Emma E. Woodard who has occupied her cottage during the summer in the Highlands, returned this week to her home in North Attleboro.



Jean Madden, daughter of Dr. J. J. Madden has entered Mount Holyoke college and is quartered in Brigham hall. She spent the summer here with her parents in the home of Spurgeon Gage on Winchendon road.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mayberry, who have been occupying Covert Cabin since their marriage, will now occupy the home of Spurgeon Gage for the winter and have moved.

Rev. Robert A. Heydenreich of Middletown, Ct. has purchased the former Reynolds cottage known as "Juanita" in the Pine Grove section of Rustic Ridge.

Dr. and Mrs. J. East Harrison observed the 60th anniversary of their wedding on Monday. Many friends called upon them to extend their greetings and best wishes.

Miss Anne Foster who has been assisting in the Bookstore this summer has accepted a position with the Children's Aid Association of Holyoke.

The Women's societies of the Congregational church will hold their fall rally Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Horace Morse will be the speaker of the evening and there will be a social hour. All women are welcome.

Monroe Smith, director of the AYH returned Saturday on the S. S. Aquitania to New York after a trip to Scotland where the International meeting of Hostels expected to meet at Edinburgh but was declared off due to the war.

Miss Helen Detweiler, AYH field secretary, returned Sunday after having visited her family in New York following her arrival aboard the French liner, Ile de France, after spending the summer leading a hostel tour in Europe.

Miss Marian Dunham, of the hostel staff, returned last Thursday, after having spent several days in New York with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Dunham of Seattle, Wash., following her return from Europe as leader of a hosteling group.

Miss Helen Conley, of the Youth Hostel, just completed a vacation, cycling over the Berkshire Trail, into Connecticut, then to New York where she visited relatives and the World's Fair.

The body of Mrs. Israel M. Harris a former resident of this town, who died at Bridgewater, last May, where she had lived for the past 22 years was brought here for burial in the family plot in Center cemetery on Tuesday.

The Sunday Speakers At Northfield Schools

The Northfield schools will hear three visiting speakers on Sunday. Dr. S. Ralph Harlow of Smith college, who has just returned from a year of travel, will speak at the morning service in Mount Hermon Memorial chapel at 10:30 o'clock. At the 5 o'clock vesper service, Hermon students will hear the Rev. Elmore McKee of St. George's church in New York City.

Mr. McKee will be the morning speaker at Northfield seminary, and George P. Michaelides, who has been substituting for Dr. Harlow at Smith college will speak at vespers. Services in Sage chapel are at 11 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Grange Activities

There will be another dance at the Grange hall next Thursday evening.

The annual booster night and reception to public school teachers will be held next Tuesday evening in Grange hall. After a short business meeting the public are invited for an entertaining program. There will be readings, recitations, a tableau, music and a drill. Refreshments will be served. All are invited.

At the last meeting of the Grange, the charter was draped in memory of Charles E. Baxter, a member for many years.

The Grange had most interesting exhibit at the Greenfield Fair which won admiration from all spectators. The Grange received the allowance of \$15 which all exhibiting Granges received. The local committee having the exhibit in hand deserve much credit.

Wins Many Prizes

Brainard Willey of the staff of the East Northfield post office is quite a chicken fancier, and as usual, this year he has exhibited his birds at the fairs. At Rutland, Vt. Fair he received second, for a black cochin cock and third and fourth for white Polish Bantam hens. At the Franklin County Fair he received first for partridge cochin bantam, cock and hen; first and second, for white Polish bantam hens; second, for black cochin cock; second for black cochin cockerel; third for black cochin hen; fifth for black cochin cock. He had eight entries at the Rutland Fair and now has an exhibit at the Eastern States Exposition at Springfield.

LeRoy Barnes of South Vernon is another breeder of birds and at the Franklin County Fair, he received a first for a hen in its class, which was a white leghorn, the champion bird of the show.

TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday school meet at 10 for the study of the scriptures. At 11, regular preaching service when special anthems will be sung by the choir; sermon subject will be "Weary of God." Sunday school at the Farms at 2:30, followed by worship service; at 7, Endeavor will be addressed by Spurgeon Gage, all young people welcome. At 8, preaching service at the vestry.

Wednesday a rally for the women of the church at 7:30 when presidents of the women's societies will speak briefly; Mrs. Morse will tell some of her experiences in Europe.

The annual meeting of the Franklin association at Shelburne center, 2:30 and 7 o'clock.

Thursday at 7:30, weekly prayer service followed by choir rehearsal.

Friday at 7:30, Evening Auxiliary meets at the church with Miss Charlotte Wyckoff as speaker.

Rally Sunday, Oct. 1 in all departments of this church. All our members and friends are invited to assist in this important effort.

When Tomorrow Comes

Three great names combine to produce "When Tomorrow Comes" which opens a three day engagement starting Sunday at the Latchis Memorial theatre at Brattleboro. The three are, Producer-Director John M. Stahl, and stars Irene Dunne and Charles Boyer.

For the past ten years Stahl's name has been prominently listed among the great directors of the screen. Miss Dunne is one of the great feminine personalities of pictures, and Boyer now ranks as tops among the male personalities.

"When Tomorrow Comes" links the players in a vital love story played against the background of the recent hurricane which devastated portions of New England. Boyer will be seen as a famous French pianist, while Miss Dunne is a waitress who meets and falls in love with him in 72 hours.

The crew of the Central Vermont railroad who have been here for sometime, welding the rails, have finished their work and moved Thursday to the Millers Falls section.

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EDITORIAL

The new highway, Route 10, has been completed and open for travel. It represents one of the best jobs ever done by a contractor in the work of construction, and the writer has observed much of the work as it has been prosecuted. Northfield citizens may well be proud of this section of road which in its finished condition is pleasing to the eye in appearance and substantial for use. The builder and the engineer who have given of themselves to the task of recreating the Wana-macker road, deserve an award of appreciation and they will be accorded this by Northfield citizens. And by the way, the word should be passed along to the highway department office in Boston.

The anniversary of the hurricane is upon us. It comes of its own volition and not because we accord it a popular reception. We probably shall never forget Sept. 21 of last year, and we are constantly reminded of it by the missing beauty of our many trees which fell in the violent storm. In fact the woodlands are still strewn with fallen timber and the landscape bears its scars. We need no epitaphs or monuments to remember the hurricane.

There is a big political upset in the country, especially among the politicians down in Washington. It's all over the neutrality situation as it exists at present. No one doubts that our neutrality declaration is faulty, it's even not neutral. It should be remedied in that particular where the fault exists, if not abandoned entirely in favor of international law. The essence of the matter is that Congress is in a quarrel with the President and a personal matter takes precedence of a nation's fate. Germany and Russia have some pretty good friends down in Washington.

There is much satisfaction to be gained in the attitude of American manufacturers to keep out of war. They have been unjustly accused of attempting to lead us into it, and now the accusations have been called. In a statement this week the National Manufacturers association thru its president and over the radio has asserted that "American industry hates war and that American industry wants peace." He further said that "in a world distraught by force, the best way to preserve representative democracy is to practice it." Our leaders of industry are on the whole more to be trusted for their Americanism than some of the clap-trap orators who berate them.

Historical Society

The next quarterly meeting of the Northfield Historical society will be held in Dickinson hall in the library on Tuesday evening, Oct. 3. The speaker of the evening will be John Gale, of Guilford, Vt. and president of the Windham County Historical society. Mr. Gale will speak on historical matters connected with Northfield and its immediate vicinity. The meeting is open to the public.

More Tax Rates

Gill has just announced its new tax rate as \$28.50 a decrease of \$4.50 from last year. Cummington's rate is \$32, a decrease of \$3. Buckland announces a rate of \$23, an increase of \$1. Wendell's rate is \$40 a third greater than last year but not as large as was to be expected with its hurricane and flood losses.



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The Hurricane And Its Timber Problem

September 21, 1939, marks the first anniversary of the hurricane. To many, the unforgettable memory of miles upon miles of trees, whole woodlots of valuable white pine timber, fine old shade trees, acres of vigorous young pine trees, all levelled by the hurricane will remain as long as they live.

Sweeping up the Connecticut River Valley, it struck a wicked blow at the timber resources of Franklin county. The heaviest damage was confined to timber growing east of the river.

Northfield, Leverett, Shutesbury, Warwick, Deerfield, Wendell, Erving, New Salem, Gill and Greenfield were among towns sustaining the greatest losses.

Faced with the prospect of a practically non-existent log market and a demoralized lumber market, owners of woodlots, mill operators, and lumbermen were pessimistic about the future.

Under able New England leadership, Congress quickly established the Northeastern Timber Salvage administration. To the U. S. Forest Service was assigned the responsibility of expeditiously salvaging millions of board feet of timber, before forest fires, blue stain, and wood-boring insects could exact their heavy toll.

Designed to aid owners of hurricane timber in profitably disposing of their logs by creating a ready market for hurricane logs and intended to maintain the prices of lumber at a level equivalent to that prior to the hurricane the U. S. Forest Service began administering the biggest logging and milling operation in New England history.

Unwillingly forced into the logging business, many Franklin county farmers and woodlot owners found themselves in need of financial and technical assistance. Banks co-operated by financing logging operations of those without sufficient funds, advancing money to timber owners on the strength of their government log delivery receipts as collateral. To the U. S. Forest Service fell the task of aiding woodlot owners in estimating amounts of timber blown down, of advising timber owners on reasonable logging costs, of referring them to dependable logging contractors; to owners of horse teams, trucks, logging equipment. Owners were instructed on how best to cut their logs so as to receive the greatest possible financial return.

Local farmers, truckers, and woodsmen found work during what is a normally slack season, cutting, skidding, and hauling logs. Teams of horses ordinarily idle at this time of the year, were busy in the woods as were men and trucks.

With the co-operation of owners of open fields and ponds suitable for log storage and milling purposes, government log receiving stations to which their neighbors could deliver logs were rapidly established in Franklin county.

Over \$244,000 has been paid to Franklin county owners of hurricane timber who have sold logs to the government. A major share of the money was paid out in wages to woods help. It is estimated that more than 2500 men have been or are still engaged in cutting, skidding, and hauling logs. More than \$86,000 has been paid out to local mill operators who have sawn and are still sawing for the government. Here again much of this money went into wages of over 280 lumber mill workers. Over 9,000,000 board feet of lumber has been delivered by Franklin county timber owners to ponds and 12,000,000 board ft to dry storage sites, most of which is already sawn and piled.

The fact that there hasn't been a single fire on any government lot testifies as to the care with which Franklin county lumber mill workers and loggers have handled their cigarettes and matches in the woods and on the lots.

Slabs and edgings from government mills will furnish fuel for many needy Franklin county families this winter.

Working with the U. S. Forest Service, WPA crews and CCC camps have been very active in reducing the fire hazard on hurricane-blown wood lots.

Nails in logs have at times caused damage and delay in milling at mill sites. However, on the whole, logs received in Franklin county were much more free of nails than those in other parts of the state.

Many aged and incapacitated individuals received the co-operation and technical assistance of the U. S. Forest Service in the solution of their logging problems and did numerous women owners of hurricane timber.

The government is still buying and sawing logs. It has succeeded in its objectives. First, it is maintaining a market for logs where owners of both small and large wood lots can profitably dispose of them. Second, the lumber market did not experience the de-

moralizing effects of dropping prices.

Damage wrought to Franklin county timberlands is not irreparable. If fire is kept out of the woods and with proper silvicultural practices, much of the devastated timberland can be put to work producing valuable timber products once again. Where there is an insufficient amount of white pine seed in the soil, it may be necessary to plant seedlings if undesirable species such as poplar and birch are to be prevented from taking over valuable pine producing soil.

That timber is considered to be a good investment against the future, is apparent from the expressions of many aged owners of timber who had looked upon their woodlots as firm security against the inroads of old age. Bankers have considered it to be a good investment on which to advance loans, knowing that with proper forest management and effective fire protection, the investment continuously increases in value through tree growth each year. Land well stocked with trees is always at work.

The hurricane has served to dramatize the importance of Franklin county as a timber producing area. Timberland, placed under sustained yield management and protected from fire should pay taxes, support wood using industries in non-agricultural areas of the county, stabilize communities, and pay a handsome interest on the investment.

Now Is The Time
To Set Evergreens

By Arnold M. Davis
M. S. C. Faculty Member

Persons wishing to use evergreens in their general landscape design or expecting to make a change in existing evergreen plantings can move these trees from now until perhaps the middle of October safely and get excellent results. This is because evergreen trees stop growth sometime around the first part of August and then later in the season develop root growth.

These include the pines, hemlocks, yews, and many of the other less commonly grown plants though personally I should prefer to set very large evergreens out in the spring of the year. However, all normal sized evergreens can be safely planted with good results at this season.

There are one or two precautions worth remembering as far as evergreen plantings are concerned. The hole should be large so as to unquestionably hold the root system of the plant. This is one way to guarantee the successful growth of the plant.

Secondly, under no conditions should the ball of earth be disturbed. Every precaution should be taken to see that the plants are handled carefully from the time they are delivered until they are in the ground. Any damage to the ball of earth is apt to result in the loss of the plant.

Thirdly, evergreens planted at this season of the year will require a great deal more water than trees already established and growing in the same location. This is due to the fact that the root system has been materially lessened by digging and balling the plant. The needles on evergreens will evaporate water continually, so if some provision is not made to see that the plants are thoroughly watered, the needles will begin to shed and possibly the root system will be overtaxed in supplying the necessary amount of water. To avoid this condition it is well to water them well at intervals of from three to five days. Of course in a rainy season the amount of artificial watering is not important.

In watering evergreens another precaution is of some importance. Spray the tops as well as soak the earth around the root systems of the plant. If this is done, the amount of water given off by the needles is materially lessened.

In planting evergreens, leave a trench perhaps four or five inches deep around the outer circumference of the tree, a shallow bowl in which water can be poured and allowed to seep slowly down into the ground. As soon as the tree appears to be established (it usually takes about 30 days) a mulch of peat moss three or four inches in depth should be applied over the surface of the ground under the branches. This thoroughly soaked up with water will provide normal protection for the roots during the winter and will also encourage a rapid rate of root development which is of course desirable. In most cases, the peat moss will produce a condition which is very fortunate as far as plant conditions are concerned—that is, an acid soil with plenty of humus for protection.

In transplanting good soil should be worked in around the roots of the plants, and the soil pressed down as firmly as possible without disturbing the root system in the ball of earth.

If tall trees are set out, it is well to guy them to prevent awaying of the tops which tends to loosen the roots. A three-way guy

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